

Replication Materials for “Priming Partisan Identities and Support for Political Violence”

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This README file provides an overview of the replication materials for the article “Priming Partisan Identities and Support for Political Violence.” The Data section describes the dataset required to reproduce the figures and tables in the paper. The Analysis section summarizes the purpose of the R script that reproduces the analyses. All analyses were conducted with R 1.4.1103 running on macOS Catalina 10.15. The following versions of R packages were used:

qualtRics 3.1.4
tidyverse 1.3.0
reshape2 1.4.4
coefplot 1.2.7
stargazer 5.2.2
interplot 0.2.3
jtools 2.1.3
psych 2.1.3
modelsummary 0.9.4
ggpubr 0.4.0

Data

The dataset for the analyses in this article is the file “kacholia_and_neuner_replication_dataset.csv”. The data come from a survey fielded on Lucid and data are in **wide** format. Each row corresponds to one participant in the survey, and each column corresponds to a survey question.

As the data contain responses to a separate, unrelated experiment, we trim the survey to include only the variables relevant for our analysis. The key variables are:

race: respondent’s race

educ: respondent’s education level

gender: respondent’s gender

Condition: respondent’s condition (American, Instrumental, Positive, Negative, or Control)

PartyID: respondent’s partisan identity (Democratic or Republican)

Information regarding the question wordings of all scales that make up the treatments can be found in the Online Appendix. Note that these variables also have “scaled” versions that normalized to range from 0 to 1.

pv_mean: The mean of the political violence questions adopted from Kalmoe & Mason (2018)

pv_mean2: The mean of the political violence questions adopted from the 2020 ANES Pilot Study

amId_mean: The mean of questions measuring American identity

pos_mean: The mean of questions measuring positive partisan identity

neg_mean: The mean of questions measuring negative partisan identity

dd_mean: The mean of questions measuring dark triad scores

neg.bias: The mean of questions measuring negativity bias

policy_mean: The mean of questions measuring instrumental partisanship (consisting of 5 questions, with liberal and conservative positions. Each question has between 5 and 6 levels, measuring the strength of the position.)

policyfolded_mean: The mean of the instrumental partisanship questions, recoded to have three levels (0,1,2), corresponding to “neutral,” “light instrumental partisanship,” and “strong instrumental partisanship.”

strength: Partisan strength

The following variables were used in our secondary analysis, which analyzed if being exposed to an identity scale first or later changed the average value of that scale:

amer.con: whether or not the respondent was in the American condition.

pos.con: whether or not the respondent was in the positive partisanship condition.

neg.con: whether or not the respondent was in the negative partisanship condition.

ins.con: whether or not the respondent was in the instrumental partisanship condition.

Analysis

The file “kacholia_and_neuner_replication.Rmd” is an Rmarkdown file containing the script needed to reproduce the analysis and graphs in this paper.